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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a Response to Restriction Requirement of Hirata, K. in  
the above-identified patent application.

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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SIR:

This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated February 1, 2005. Please reconsider the application in view of the amendment and remarks presented below.

**ELECTION OF CLAIMS**

In the Office Action, the Examiner requested an election of claims pursuant to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §§121 and 372 between Group I - Claims 6-20 and Group II - Claims 1-5.

In response, Applicant hereby elects Group II - Claims 1-5 for further examination.

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